Richmond Football Club.

Annual Report & Balance-Sheet

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RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB.

SEASON 1907.

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Captain: C. PANNAM.

Vice-Captain: J. HARDIMAN.

Players.
G. BOWNAS, W. BOURKE, R. BOWDEN, W. BENNION, J. BAYLIS, A. BECK, W. CARKEEK, W. FILDES, — GIBSON, J. HUTCHINSON, T. HEANEY, J. HARDIMAN, C. HALL, L. INCIGNERI, E. KENNY, W. LANG, E. LEACH, W. LUFF, W. MAHONY, — MARTIN, J. MEGSON, E. McDONALD, C. PANNAM, F. TURNER, F. TURNBULL, C. WILLIAMS, A. EDMONDS, F. YOULDEN, W. SCHMIDT, D. CHAPMAN, — GILDING.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB.

23rd Annual Meeting,

FRIDAY, 13th MARCH, 1908, at 8 p.m.,

IN THE

RICHMOND TOWN HALL.

ADMISSION BY TICKET.

Lady and Youth Members will be admitted on their last season tickets.

BOYS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

W. DUNNING, Stage Manager.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Ballot Papers will be posted to each Member (whose name is on the roll) a few days prior to the Annual Meeting.

MEMBERS ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED TO HAVE BALLOT PAPERS PREPARED BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE HALL.

Ballot Boxes will be placed at the entrance to receive the papers.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Proceedings at 8 p.m.

Ballot closes at 9 p.m.

Richmond Football Club.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1907.

TO THE MEMBERS.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—We have very great pleasure, on behalf of the Committee of the R.F.C., in submitting for your approval the 23rd Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the past season, 1907.

We sincerely regret that we did not bring home another Premiership last season, more especially as it was our last with the V.F.A. But the Fates were against us. Never before in the club's history had there been so many unfortunate accidents in the field as happened last season. Our bad luck started with the second match of the year at Essendon, and did not leave us until half the season had gone. Then prospects certainly looked brighter, until the last match in the second round, when bad luck came again, two of our best players being badly injured.

We feel sure you will agree with us that had our team not been so unfortunate in the way of accidents there is little doubt (with the fine team we had out last season) the Premiership would probably have been ours.

To the Williamstown Club—Premiers of the V.F.A.—we desire to tender our sincere congratulations.

OUR CLUB IN THE V.F. LEAGUE.

At the termination of last season, the Victorian Football League decided to alter the "Constitution" of that body from eight to ten clubs. Several clubs applied for admission, and the League selected the University and the Richmond Clubs. There is no doubt this is a very great compliment paid to our old club, to be chosen with the University of Melbourne Football Club; and it behoves every member and supporter of the club to do all in their power to assist the committee and the players to prove their worthiness of the honor bestowed.

THE CITIZENS' INTEREST.

In consequence of the club's admission into the ranks of the League, our worthy President (Mr. G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.) invited the leading citizens and business men of Richmond to meet him at his residence, with the committees of the football and cricket clubs, to discuss matters for the welfare of the clubs. A very large number

were present, who one and all entered into the spirit of the meeting in a manner very encouraging to your committee. The principal business dealt with was the enlarging and improvements of the ground. It was decided to hold entertainments and issue subscription lists to raise funds to carry out same. The committee desire to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr. J. Digby, J.P. (chairman and treasurer), Mr. C. Syle (hon. secretary), Mr. R. Kelly, Mr. W. Lovell, and the members of the citizens' committee for the kind and very valuable assistance rendered to our clubs.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of very deep regret we have to record the death of our old friend and committeeman, Mr. Frank Wright, who passed away during last year after a very severe illness. Mr. Wright had only last year been elected a Life Member of the club. Also Mr. Willie McCance, one of our most respected players, succumbed to that dread disease consumption.

GOAL-KICKING RECORD.

The members have reason to feel proud of Mr. J. Hutchinson's magnificent performance last season in establishing a record in goal-kicking. The splendid score of 67 goals for one season gives to Mr. Hutchinson the well-earned title of Champion Goal-kicker of Victoria.

The next in order in the goal-kicking were—Heaney (17), Mahony (15), Gibson (15), Pannam (13), Hall (12), Bennion (11), Lang (9), Carkeek (7), Schmidt (6), Megson (4), Bowden (3), Hardiman (3), Edmonds (2), Turnbull (2), Baylis (2), Beck (1), Turner (1), Chapman (1), Fildes (1), Luff (1).

COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have had a very busy time owing to the club's admission to the League; the business had to be conducted through the summer months, and under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Stewart —one of the oldest workers of the club—your Executive worked most harmoniously together with the one object, viz., the welfare of the old club, whose interests they have at heart.

Number of meetings held, 34. Attendances—J. Fayle 34, C. Whittaker 34, P. George 34, J. Archer 32, J. J. Stewart 31, W. Bicknell 31, G. Male 28, Hector Milne 26, H. Slattery 25, A. Manzie (hon. secretary) 34, A. McNair (hon. treasurer) 7, C. Pannam (captain) 10.

GOOD SUPPORTERS.

The Committee desire to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Geo. Telford for the very valuable assistance and encouragement rendered to the club; to Mr. G. Burns and Mr. R. Wintle, who are always willing to lend a helping hand to any movement for the benefit of the club; to Mr. C. Johnson for training prize; also Messrs. Bosisto and Co., who for several years past have generously donated their valuable eucalyptus oil for the requirements of the team; and last, but by no means least, our old friend Mr. Will Dunning (of the well-known firm Barroni and Co). One has only to pay a visit to the training-room at the ground to see the handsome collection of photographic art presentations to the Richmond Football Club each season for the past seven or eight years. Mr. Dunning has always found it a pleasure to assist at any club entertainments, his mimicry and funny stories always causing great amusement, and being much appreciated by the members.

CAPTAIN.

Mr. Alec Edmonds, player and captain for a number of years past, decided in the middle of last season to retire from the game. Mr. Edmonds, both as captain and player, worked earnestly and energetically in the club's interest.

Mr. C. Pannam (late captain of the Collingwood team) was elected to the position, and gave every satisfaction to the executive and the players.

TRAINING OF THE TEAM.

Great credit is due and the thanks of the Committee to Mr. C. Taylor, H. Whittaker and J. Watson for the painstaking manner these gentlemen attended to the training of the team, and were always willing and ready to do what was required of them.

Mr. D. Capewell, curator of the ground, the Committee desire to thank for the courteous and obliging manner at all times exhibited towards the Football Club.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLAYERS AND INTENDING PLAYERS.

Training commences Tuesday afternoon, 31st March.

FOOTBALL CARNIVAL.

The coming season promises to be a memorable one in League football. To celebrate the jubilee of the foundation of the game, teams representative of the whole of the States and New Zealand are to visit Melbourne in August next, when a carnival week of football will be held, the whole of the States competing for the Championship of Australasia.

CONCLUSION.

Now that the club has entered a new sphere of life in the football world, we trust the public of Richmond will assist by becoming members and take that active interest in the club that will help the Committee to bring our team along in the League to the same prominent position as held in the V.F.A.

Trusting that prosperity may attend our united efforts. On behalf of the Committee, faithfully yours,

JOHN J. STEWART, Chairman.

A. MANZIE, Hon. Secretary.